

Hub

We claim:

1. A method for tracing an electronic device comprising the steps of:
 3. providing an Agent within the electronic device, the
 4. Agent configured to transmit identifying indicia for the
 5. electronic device and/or its device components to a host
 6. system at a predetermined time without further intervention by
 7. the electronic device or user upon activation;
 8. activating the Agent;
 9. at the predetermined time, the Agent establishing a
 10. communication link between the electronic device and the host
 11. system and transmitting the identifying indicia to the host
 12. system without intervention by the electronic device or user;
 13. enabling the host system to determine the location of the
 14. electronic device based on tracing of the communication link.

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